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My dear Charles

Very

I beg your pardon for not writing to you ere this, and many returns of the best wishes that I can send you, that the Prince Leopold has bought one of my pictures, and given me one an order for another — tho' as yet I have'nt the "shiners" but what of that you know — a Prince to be a purchaser think of that — the subject of the picture is "a Peasant Girl praying to the Madonna" — it is a thing which has struck every one as a good work — You will be pleased to know that I have some great friends among the Nobility here, — and I begin to see the great help of it — Lady Westmorland was the cause of Prince L. buying my picture — by the by next Week she gives a great Musical party, and has taken it in her head that we two shall sing Mozarts Duett to Figaro on the C. F. — I endeavored to excuse myself on the ground of great nervousness and being looked at — she laughed and said "pretty Vanity of you — for if we sing together I shall be so pardon looked at — nobody look at you" — So we are playing it over — I expect Lady Lyndhurst at the moment to try it with me — my P. F. which is a very good one. — A Song of mine is also to be sung. Not I did not wish it

I sent a copy of the first part to Tom some 3 months since
- I fear it was full of mistakes, which he must excuse as
it was copied without my seeing it — You must both
of you tell me what you think of it — mind it is quite an
attempt at the Italian style of Music — I find
that I have become a downright admirer of Rossini
- We have had his Moses & Semiramide, which are magnificent - say what you will you Beej Weej to the contrary
I like the Moses the best - perhaps it is the finest subject
the effect is inspiring — They tell me that he has been doing
something new in London — tell me about this?

Madelle complains that you never wrote to him as
you promised, what have you to say to this? La ——
I heard of you all from Fatherwood the other day, poor
Mother had been ill, but was convalescent - all the same
a German friend of Fatherwood told me, and so I have been
told by many others that you visit and like some visit
to me here - I should like this month, and no doubt it would
be of great service to you - the would peg away together
that month, for you know two, cost little more than one
and as I am keeping house, and have two beds, a P. F
plenty books &c why it would be no difficulty - I would

introduce you to all these great people here, and so make you a connection of a high kind— Then you might study the Italian Music, which in Style as well as novelty, is better than any thing you have in England— I mean ballad and not kind which dont come over to you for Italy is full of elegant natural Music,— I am much delighted with the Music here in the private parties, they all appear to have taken for it— So you see you would have great advantages, Mind and tell me about it— Our Weather is terrible bad, rain every day it seems as bad as England— When you write tell me of the news and the news— and your Christmas dinner and if you all drank my health— We had a dinner here in honor of the Poet who is here, we were 12 in number— and the dinner was in honor, we drank "our friend over the alps."— I have been thinking not to come to England next Summer— these are my reasons— I am making great advances here, and when I come to England to be to remain as in getting me more dear for pictures— It would seem, that soon I may hope most people coming to Rome, will think themselves bound to order a picture of me, and then I shall stand alone, but if I come to England, I shall not only have to begin my connection over again, but have to stand the competition of great artists— My Vintage for the Duke of B. will be in next October likely and then— you see I stand alone in this style, and I can only

pel- Rare pictures here, this is a great reason for staying —
- How is Marcia? and why does she not write me? I fear he
did not have my letter — Tom told me a delightful little letter
and I expect one from you, so mind your P's & Q's master Charley

My next Picture will be an Italian Fountain, with many figures —
I have now 9 Pictures ordered; and only One would that I have
done, This is Miranda & Ferdinand — Mind and tell me how my Father
is, and if he was merry at Xmas, How I long to see you all
but as I have no fortune, and as this but my fourth to depend
on- why I must mind this & all vacation - Good bye
believe me ever Your loving Brother
Joseph —
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